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About this record

Copies of correspondence relating to affairs in the Gulf, including during periods of absence from Bushire for Lewis Pelly. Most of the copies have been written on Pelly's behalf by his assistant James Charles Edwards.

The correspondence is primarily with individuals who reported to Pelly including James Charles Edwards, Alfred Cotton Way and George Andrew Atkinson and discusses matters at the Residency, Pelly's movements around the Gulf and affairs in Muscat, Bahrain and Bandar Abbas. Also included with this correspondence is a report, possibly to the Governor of Bombay summarising many of the matters discussed in these letters.

There is also correspondence with Charles Alison which focuses on the working relationship between the Resident at Bushire and the Persian Authorities and the difficulties that often arose with this around communication. Matters in relation to Russia are also discussed in letters with Sir Bartle Frere and Philip Howard Colomb, and trade matters are discussed in letters with William Mackinnon and Messrs Coyle and Company.



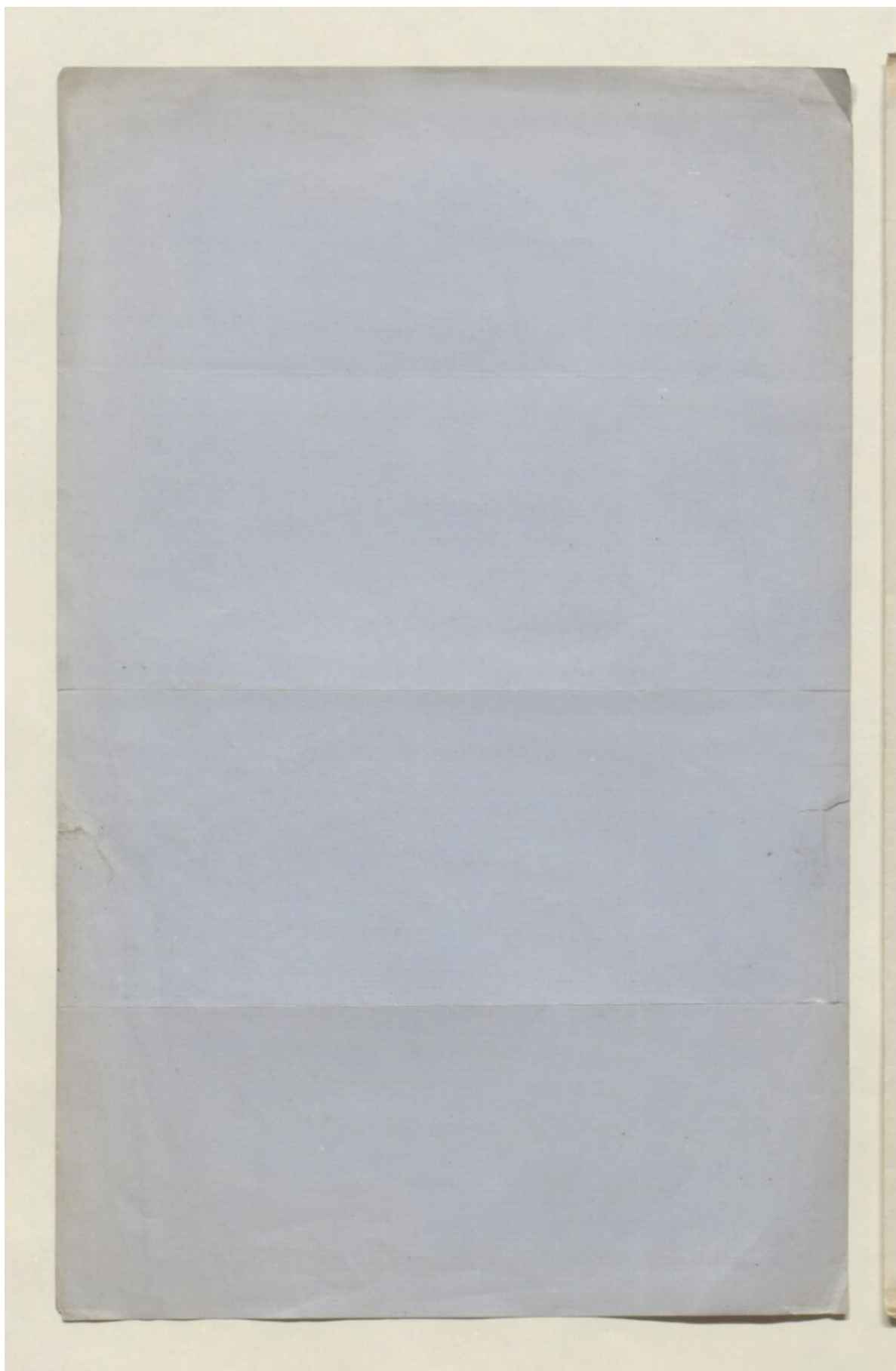
Memorandum

Dated Chughudduk 17th January 1863

An irregularity seems to prevail in regard to carriage arrangements in this Residency. The rule throughout the Service is that when official Establishments travel by land, all the Members of that Establishment actually travelling receive their respective Batta or Travelling Allowances, and make their own arrangements for travelling. This rule will henceforth strictly obtain in this Establishment, and the Acting Resident will not listen to any complaint or application for payment of carriage, tentage, provision &c. Any Member of the Residency not accepting this arrangement should at once say so, and he is at liberty to resign his position. But any Member objecting to march when the day arrives will be fined.

Chughudduk
17th January 1863

Leitch Colclough
Acting Pol. Resident Pers. Gulf





Bushire 17th January 1865

My dear Sir Bartle Frere

Your Excellency will notice that the despatches transmitted by this Mail from Her Majesty's Minister at Tehran are of more than ordinary interest in relation to the proceedings of Russia in Southern Central Asia. These proceedings may be a ruse, or they may be the first move of a wave destined to break on British India. In any case a Minister so experienced, so little given to illusions and so careful neither to anticipate evil nor needlessly to alarm his Government, as Mr. Alison, deems it expedient to turn his direct attention towards this question. We have further before us the broad facts First - That the isthmus between the Black Sea and the Caspian is really Russia and that her large army of the Caucasus is disengaged.

Secondly - That the Persian provinces on the Southern Coast of the Caspian from the Russian frontier to Asterabad seem ripe for annexation and quite at the mercy of Russia and

Thirdly - That we find Russia pressing simultaneously on many points to the East of the Caspian all tending to the Northern frontier of Afghanistan and Cashmere.

His Excellency
Sir Bartle Frere R. C. B.



The recommendation by the Shah of Russia's proceedings in Central Asia to the serious attention of Government does not seem premature and I venture to think that any remarks bearing on this question submitted even from the restricted point of view of a local servant of Government will not be held by Your Excellency as intrusive.

Four points strike me

First. Past experience and observation of the map must have assured Russia that her only chance of eventually winning in a struggle for Europe becoming French or Cossack lies in her strengthening herself from the rear by rendering available by whatever means for her purposes of War the immense hordes of war-like and comparatively idle men which the countries beyond her Asiatic frontiers present.

Secondly, and without being able to give any reliable detail of facts there is unquestionably so far as I have observed an increasing feeling of assurance that a great struggle between England and Russia is coming on in Southern Central Asia. And when such a feeling becomes familiar to the hordes of these regions it may of itself in some degree tend to facilitate the crisis.

Thirdly — Whatever may be the present intentions of Russia whether in the direction of the Trans Oxus states or as from the South East Point



Copies submitted to the
Government at the time
and subsequently im-
proved

point of the Caspian in the direction
of Kerat, I remain of the opinion
submitted in my let-
ters to the late Earl
Barnard. That the dis-
tances to be traversed
are so great and the character of the
countries so difficult and sterile
that a Russian General would
hesitate to appear on the Indian
frontier until Russia should in
the first instance have consolidated
intermediate territory and given
him a base of operations much
nearer and more accessible than
any she can yet pretend to.

Fourth - The fourth point and that which
has perhaps been more particu-
larly impressed on my mind from
the accident of my local position
in the Persian Gulf is this that
Russia's proceedings on the line of
the Caspian are for the present affairs
of outpost or rather that Russia
feels perhaps that she can aggress
even in times of peace upon the
sovereignty of our Eastern without
making a crisis on behalf of those
small and little known States and
that the country which it most im-
ports Russia next to deal with
whether by annexation or by the
roughly subduing it to her will
is Persia. I glance at the map
with a knowledge of the status
quo shows;

1st - That Russia has an actual
basis of operations from the
to the South West corner of
the Caspian -

That



2^{ndly} That all is ripe for the annexation of Geelan and Mazenderan and the extension of this base to the South East corner or Asterabad -

3^{rdly} That a vast army has long been gathered on a portion of this base; that Russia's European Frontiers, being to be a point of aggression the army of the Cossacks might be increased and become available in close proximity with Tabreez and Tehran, respectively, the Capital and principal town of Persia -

4^{thly} - That if Russia wishes to stride across Southern Central Asia, the narrowest, the nearest, the best supplied and the most practicable line is from Tehran to the head of the Persian Gulf whether Bushire or Mahomerah. The extremities of this line form the Northern and Southern frontier of one and the same state so that an impulse emanating from the Russian frontier would be felt at one and the same time along the line of the Caspian and the line of the Persian Gulf -

5^{thly} - That so astride her Western frontier presses along the entire Eastern frontier of Asiatic Turkey, while her Eastern frontier presses along the entire Western frontier of Afghanistan and Beloochistan equally as our Provinces of Punjab and Sind press on the Eastern frontier of those states.

6^{thly} That Russia thus astride of Persia as the saddle of Southern Central Asia would further press on



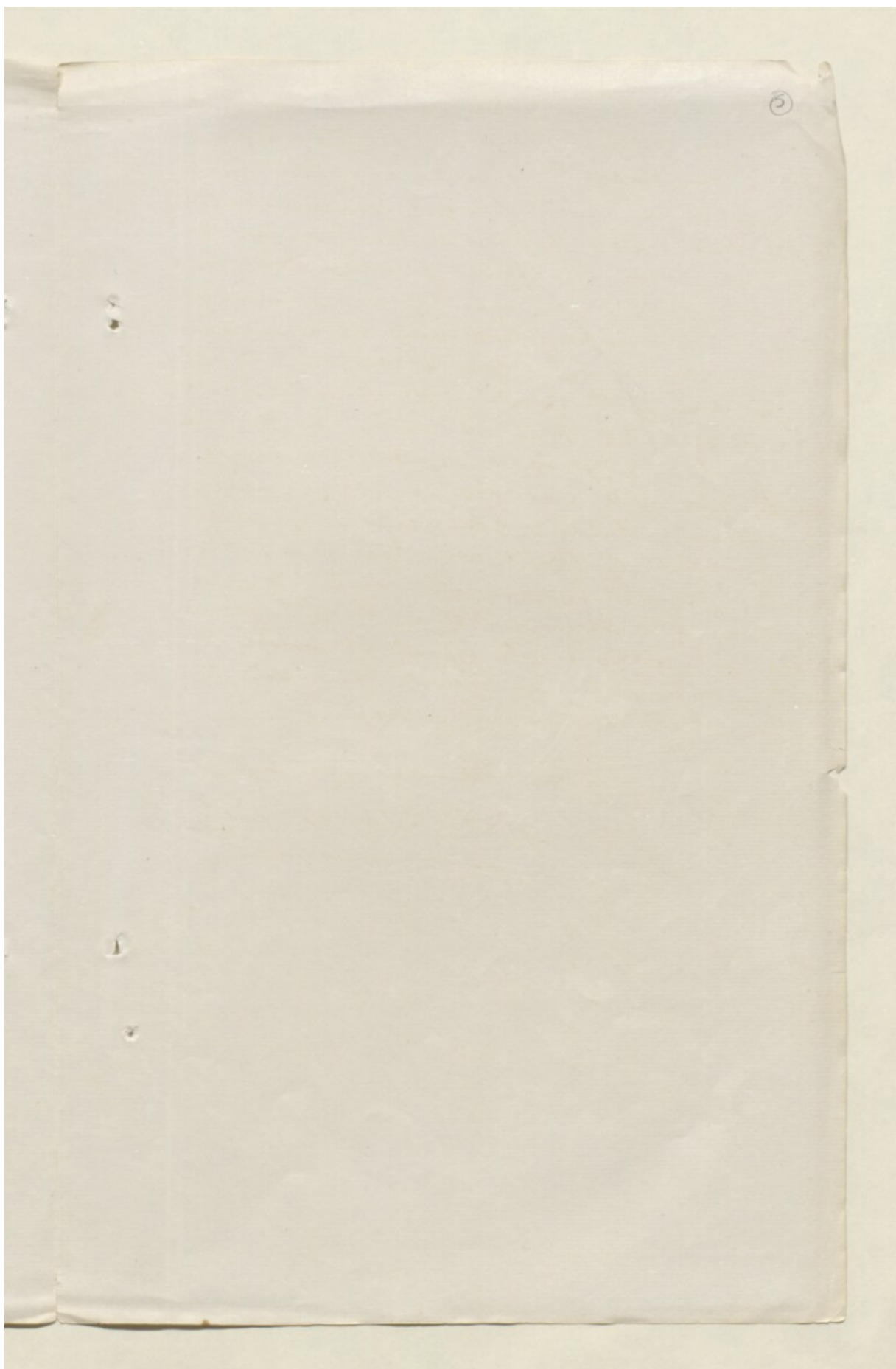
Turkistan and the Pers on her ^{frontier}
 thus connecting her Liberman frontier
 by means of her outposts at Khiva,
 Bokhara, Kokan or elsewhere in Tur-
 kistan with her Persian frontier and
 that Russia so astride would ac-
 tually dominate the Persian Gulf
 on her Southern frontier thus com-
 manding any line of communication
 whether of River, Telegraph or
 Railway from the head of that
 Gulf along the Suphates valley.
 My duty has recently led me to in-
 spect in detail the Naval position
 at the mouth of the Persian Gulf
 and I do not hesitate to assert
 that if Russia were once to occu-
 py the inlet at the Promontory
 of Muscudom and its adjacent
 Belands she would secure a naval
 position possessing almost im-
 rivalled natural advantages from
 which it would be exceedingly
 difficult to expel her and which
 to say the least of it could not
 be less than an emphatic and
 standing menace to Western
 India. It is unnecessary to
 add that so placed Russia
 would also influence Arabia.

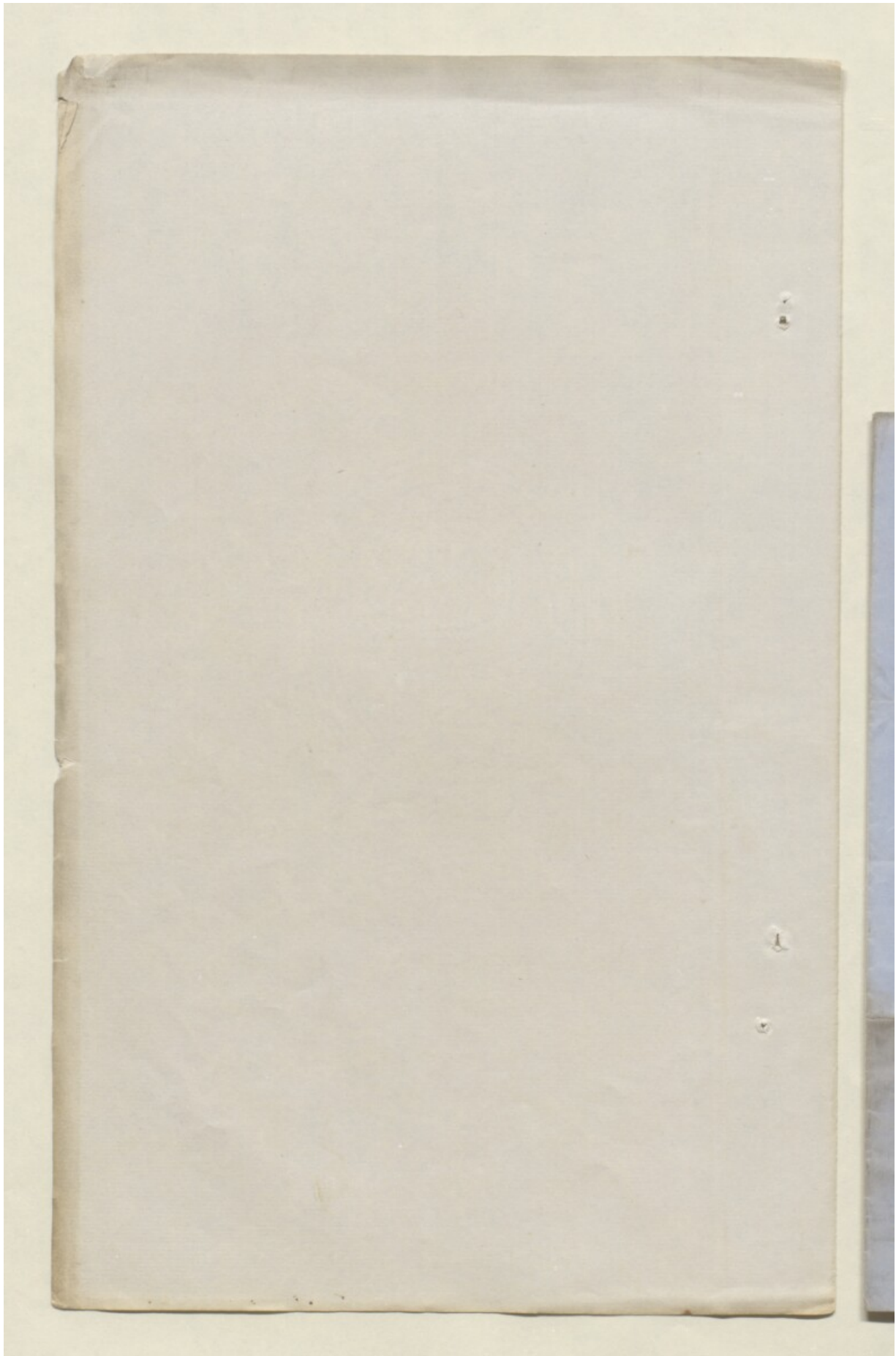
It were easy to expatiate upon what
 I have now summarized I rather fear
 lest I may be considered to overstep my
 sphere of duty in submitting what I now
 submit, nor indeed would I venture to do
 so, were it not that the matter in ques-
 tion seems very grave, that the Government
 have for many years employed me in
 positions where this matter has become sub-
 ject of special study and that I find
 that I submitted to Earl Banning some years
 ago.



ago has not been belied by subsequent events in central Asia. At the same time I am careful to repeat after what I have seen of the lines of communication to be traversed between the Caspian Sea and our North Western frontier that I think a Russian General would not at present attempt that expedition and if he did would be met by us with overwhelming advantages on the line of the Indus. On the other hand I do apprehend that so soon as Russia may feel herself in a condition to aggress openly she will use Persia as a fulcrum for ultimate Asiatic domination. That the Government of Persia and the general condition of the Country are ill-suited to oppose such an attempt and that if the attempt were successfully carried into effect it would be a fact meriting the gravest consideration in Your Excellency's Presidency —

I have the honor &c
Signed Lewis Pelly







(6)
Bombay 18th April 1865.

My dear Sir,

I shall probably leave in two or three days for Europe on six months private leave.

Please keep on Gholam Hussein in charge of my kit & ^{other} things and discharge all the other servants, - unless such as may be required in stable. Gholam Hussein will keep charge of my kit, but kindly let all my stores, wine &c, be sold remitting the amount as usual to the Bank of Bombay. Let my old pony be kept on and please use him yourself as you like till I come back.

Mr. Lucas will bring with him all letters and papers that I have, most of them by post. -

I have proposed a considerable reorganization of the Establishment; they will I think be approved and the beneficial both concerned.

You know, I requested the Armenians to send me four horses from Arabia - If they come, please

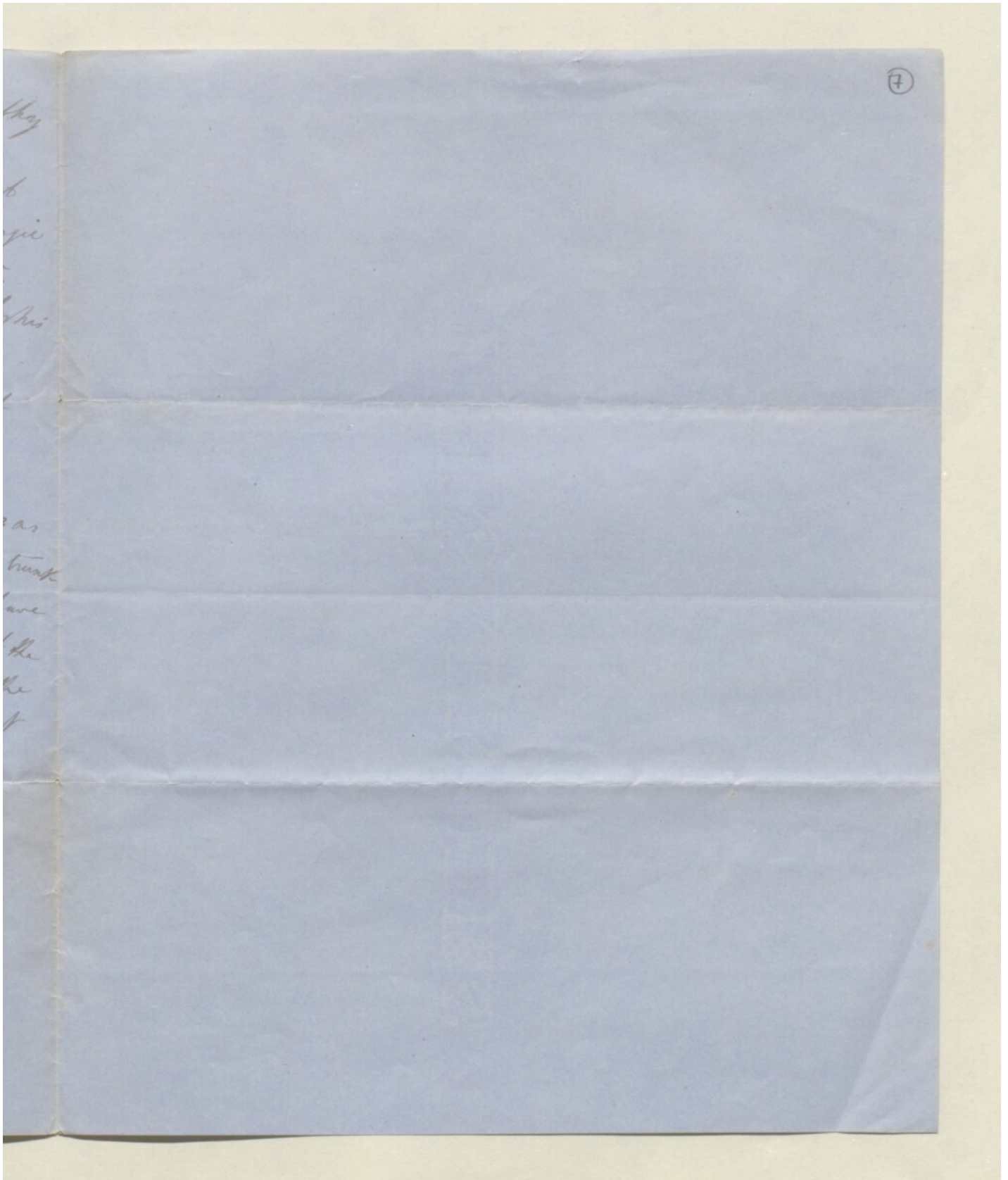


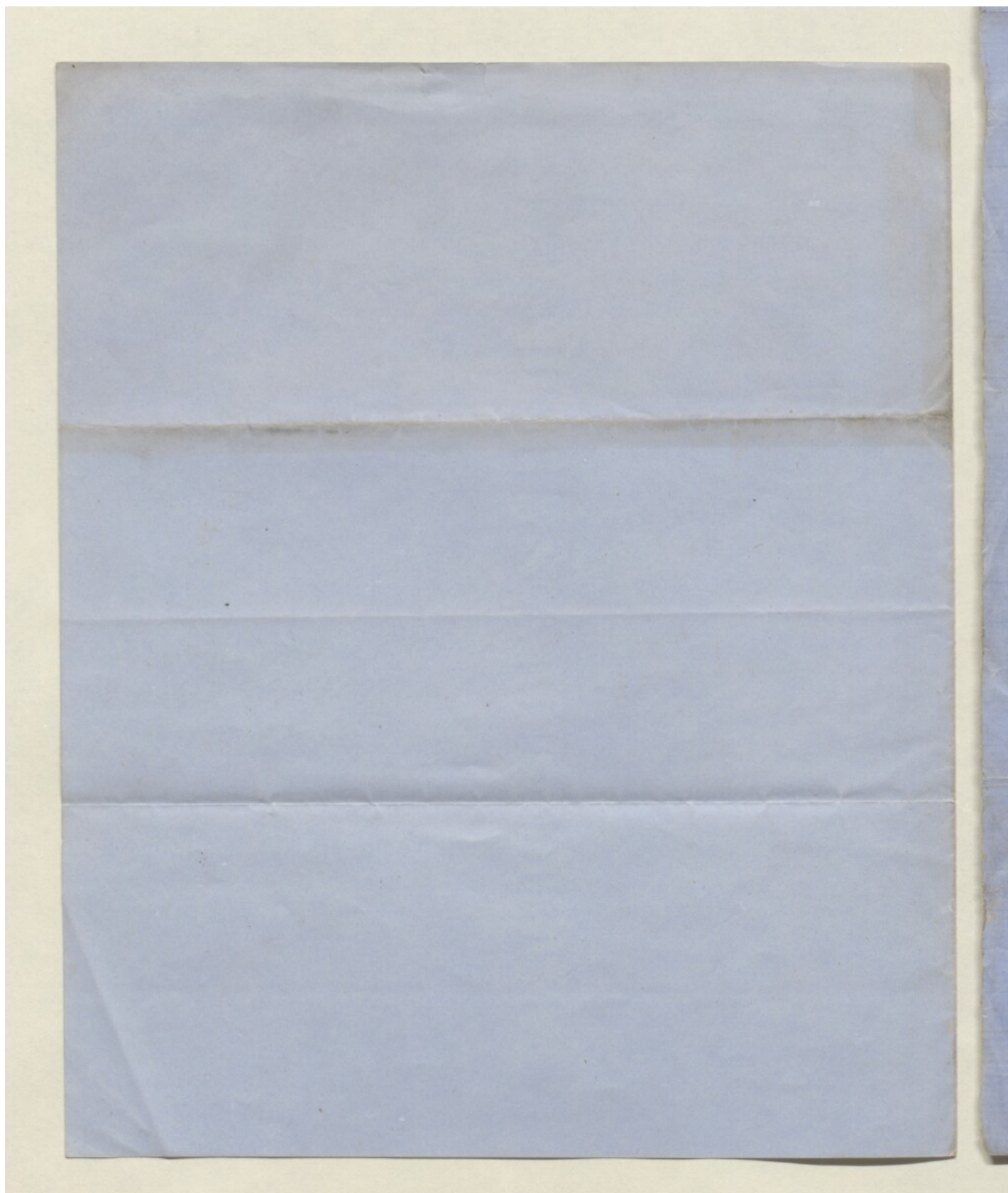
have them carefully sent to Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, sending a letter to him by the same steamer, stating that in accordance with his request, I have obtained from Nijde two horses for himself and two for Mr. Hindojie that they are now sent, & that their cost, export duty &c. amounts to Rs 10, which sum you will feel obliged by his transmitting to him at his convenience -

If no horse come on my former letter - Do not trouble to write again for -

Do not buy any horses for me -

Please purchase a store of ~~grain~~ Barley & straw as the ready for use when I return. There is a large wooden trunk with a sloping top, and padlock up in my room - Please have it corded and the official seal stamped on the place at the point where the cords join the direction ticket - Write on the direction ticket, Colonel Pelly's private papers, and put the box in the Treasury -







Burkeh 29th November 1865.

Dear Sir,

Your packet from Muskat just received.

I was not aware of any record having been taken by Colonel Disbrowe from the Residency. Please write at once sending a list of the papers and request the favor of his causing them to be returned.

I leave this tomorrow to proceed to Baidore and thence to Bahrein which place I hope to reach about the 8th of Dec. I tow the Snoum's ship, and it is possible, they may attack the Wahabee ports. I hope to be at Bushire by the 15th or earlier though it is probable I may afterwards have to return to Muskat for a few days.

Every seems to be going all right at Bushire.

I should like to see Abu Esam when he comes from Kowait. I want to know from him all the details of his journey with Mr. Palgrave. Also how it happened that he did not mention any thing of this journey after its conclusion.

Do not delay any proceedings regarding Captain Jones' horse for my return. I think however an engineer officer should if practicable be on the committee.

Baidore seems in a very unsatisfactory state.

You will have seen Mr. Walton
and



and received from him the Amir's watch
and my letters--

I have drawn an advance of
my November's pay--

Yours truly
[Sig?]/Lewis Pelly



Pelly On board "May Frere" Muscat
26th October 1867.

Right Hon^{ble} Sir -

I have recently had the honor of submitting to your
Government the Conclusion of the Synd Lookie difficulty; &
I trust the arrangement arrived at may have been satisfactory
to your Excellency.

Matters are now quiet here. But I remain at Muscat
a few weeks longer, as the late Political Agent, Lt. Atkinson
has shown himself somewhat tricky & has authorized in his
proceedings. It has been my duty to touch on these proceedings
officially by the present mail; & I trust your Ex^{ty} will be fit in the
Agent the necessity of refraining from committing either for or
myself. In the Supremacy of his records, and in accounts
judicial work Lt. Atkinson has much ability. But for Political work
beyond the Station he is too fond of excitement, and alarms me
very much occasionally.

If I have the honor of meeting
your Ex^{ty} this Christmas, I shall lay out in few words what
is required; that is of my official letter now sent. The paper
is apparently distinct.

The Sultan is a very poor kind of fellow. & he has
neither head nor courage, nor grasp nor money nor authority
to strengthen his position. His only hope lies in the Turks
gradually settling down & accepting the rule of
the Sultan under our acknowledgment. But to succeed in this
it is essential that all excitement should be avoided.

A. Pelly



A Rumour is abroad that the Marine Cable is to
"pass" of transference from England to America. But as
Shaw & Co. ^{are} no indication of this change, I think the Rumour must
be premature. -

In a letter Shaw just rec^d from Sir B. says
"I think all here are alive as to the importance of England; &
"Shape some effectual step will be taken to secure a footing here. -
"I think anything Mr. F. J. would do with that view to ^{be}
"approved; and he knows the importance of not setting the
"Eng. Office either in Calcutta or Downing Street, against us, please."

The Persian Gulf is comparatively tranquil, but the
Turks require much watching; & they are so interested in their
proceedings & loans from the South of the Muscat-Len ^{to} the
Admiral's Fleet in the north, that any visitation at one point
shows itself elsewhere in a few days. -

In obedience to G^o Ex^o orders the
Presidency Steamer "May Fair" is ^{now} on the point of starting
for Aden. - In obedience to similar orders the ship Port-
"Clyde" will soon go down to Bombay. There will then remain only
the "High Post", which has no accommodation, & can steam for only
a fortnight on a stretch. -

I am always on the lookout for a good
large strong well bred bay Arab horse for G^o Ex^o. But as
yet I have seen nothing I could thoroughly recommend. -
Very truly



My visit to the Prince for the purpose of having treated my affairs
He is the only Persian Authority - I have seen, worth his salt. -
I came sorry to say Mr. Alison has consented to the Pers. Leg. Mission
request that I am not to be in official relations with the Prince but
with one of his own local underlings at Bushire. This is very
discouraging, & in point of Stegnette humiliating towards
an officer of the Indian Service who holds a Post-Lieut. rank next to
that of Mr. Alison himself. - However I must do my best; this in
Pers. Affairs it is something like trusting a rope in sand. - Mr.
Alison is very kind to me personally; but I think the day is approaching
when we must be firmer with the Persians. - Our Officers
complain bitterly of their treatment; & there is a growing idea that
while a Persian will kill a Persian; a Persian can annoy
a native an English subject with impunity. -

Remain
Yr. Obedt. Servt.
G. Pelly





Muskat 6th November 1867

My dear Mr. Alison

Your Excellency's letter of the 1st September reached me here.

It appears that the Foreign Minister has "hinted" that "individuals of an exceptional character" for whom admission as servants to my Establishment, and that your Excellency would issue necessary "Certificates" of good character signed by a competent authority.

Your Excellency is aware that the only Persian Authority at Bushire with whom under your recent instruction the Resident in the Persian Gulf can communicate is the Passport and Foreign Office Moorash - a man whose objectionable conduct has been repeatedly brought before me, whom the Persian Consul General informed



informing me was about the removal
on account of his conduct -

I could have wished that the
Foreign Minister had specified his
instances, and the description of the
servants he alludes to - obviously
he may mean Russian servants,
or British servants whether male
or female - As a matter of fact
Siberians being few Russian
servants because they are so filthy
in their habits and dishonest in
character. As a matter of fact also
my Establishment can bear the
inspection of any Government Spy.

And as an English Officer I should
object to framing my private
Establishment in accordance with
the wishes of a Russian Foreign Office
Agent - To do so would simply be
to surround myself with spies -
Yours



(12) (13)
 sooner than do this I would send
 every Persian the door and separate
 servants from Russia, &c. without
 them. If a Persian servant in British
 employ commits an offence, the
 Tarkomanchai Treaty lays down
 the mode of procedure. I do not
 remember that a pretension like
 that advanced for Bushire has ever
 advanced in Teheran.

If the Foreign Minister's hints
 refer to Russian servants, there is
 no reason to suppose that our Russian office
 will allow the officials of this Ministry
 to be selected or disallowed by the
 Persian Foreign Office.

Obvious too, if a Persian agent
 can hold this pretension, an agent
 from the Muskat State or from the
 numerous other Independent Christiani-
 -ships to which I am accredited might
 advance similar pretensions.



I should hope the Foreign Minister
has not ventured to hint anything
about female servants. And I
beg for Excellency, with all your
early Commerce inform me what
the Foreign Minister does mean -
What are his pretences and his
Treaty-Authority -

I am Excellency's adhering marked
"Private" - out of delicacy does not
permit of my noticing the Foreign
Minister's hints - publicly. But
I beg for a repetition of them in detailed
and public form. My own supposition
is that the present is another instance
of important misrepresentation on the part
of the Buxton Passport Moonshee, having
been accepted at Teheran, without asking
me whether the man was speaking the
truth or the reverse -

Yours
Genuine

I am Excellency's
Very truly
Yours
Lewis Pelly.



Outboard Mail Steamer

off Lingah 14th November 1867

My dear Mr. Alison

from Exulting's boat reached
me at Muskat - I telegraphed to the
Asst. Resident to let the - needful about
Flags & some sketches me he has done.

The Persian portion of my duties
is becoming very difficult & will
soon result in much trouble if the Persian
& Disaffected Communication with the
Persian & Arab authorities & some the
Persian side of the Gulf -

I have heard from the Persian. Co. Sultanick
that the Persian Govt have the demand
for his conduct - It now appears he has
been entirely cleared as I have heard &
that this man who has a passport
forash & whom I fear as I am not sure
is not a channel of communication
with the Persians - and the local
Sub Governor of Bushir is that



both channels of communication for the
Persian side of the Gulf - My official
letter on this subject will do of great
service.

The brother of Mr Persian Foreign
Agent & news Agent (a functioning
both known name) at Bandar Abbas
has grossly abused the English officer
in command of the mail boat -
assaulting him with the lance.
The Arab Persian Camp he is opposed to
punish a Persian - I have no authority
to communicate with any Persian
Authority at Bandar Abbas - All I have
been able to do is to warn the Indian
Subjects in whose hands the bulk of the
trade is, that pending my bringing
the above case to the knowledge of higher
Authority - if they choose to remain at
Bandar Abbas they must do so at
their own risk - My official letter
on this subject will do in best hand.



(14) (18)
The Chief of Mohs has been across to the
Arab coast endeavouring to secure a branch
of the Maritime Trade for which he is responsible.
This sort of thing will soon disturb any
charge the Arabs will pay the defenceless
Persian side of the Gulf off in their direction.

Even notwithstanding the Assistant
Resident's position from all official
communication with the local Governors
from the Persian Coast. I fear this
method of work will soon result in
trouble & delay. But I have only to
attend to what I believe to be the
instructions on Persian affairs.

However the fear of interpretation being
given me by from Persia, if the Persian
Governor Agent at Bushkin is to be considered
as a Royal Appointment direct from
the Capital.

Also whether there be any other Agent



whether of Royal or Consular appointment
with whom the Resident & his Sub-
ordinates are to communicate.

I assure you I am really
perplexed but will try to do my best on the
Persian side.

Yours truly
Lewis Pelly

The Indian Government are very keen about
the right of purchase houses and land in
the Persian state - while they refer England.

The British Consul is excluded from communicating
with the Persian Consul - being doing
anything further regarding British Affairs
in relation to the Persian Sultan
& this is almost agreed, especially as the
Persian Consul has insisted on that I might
be doing too much for the Persian Consul
and his agents - but I will report on this
I must leave.

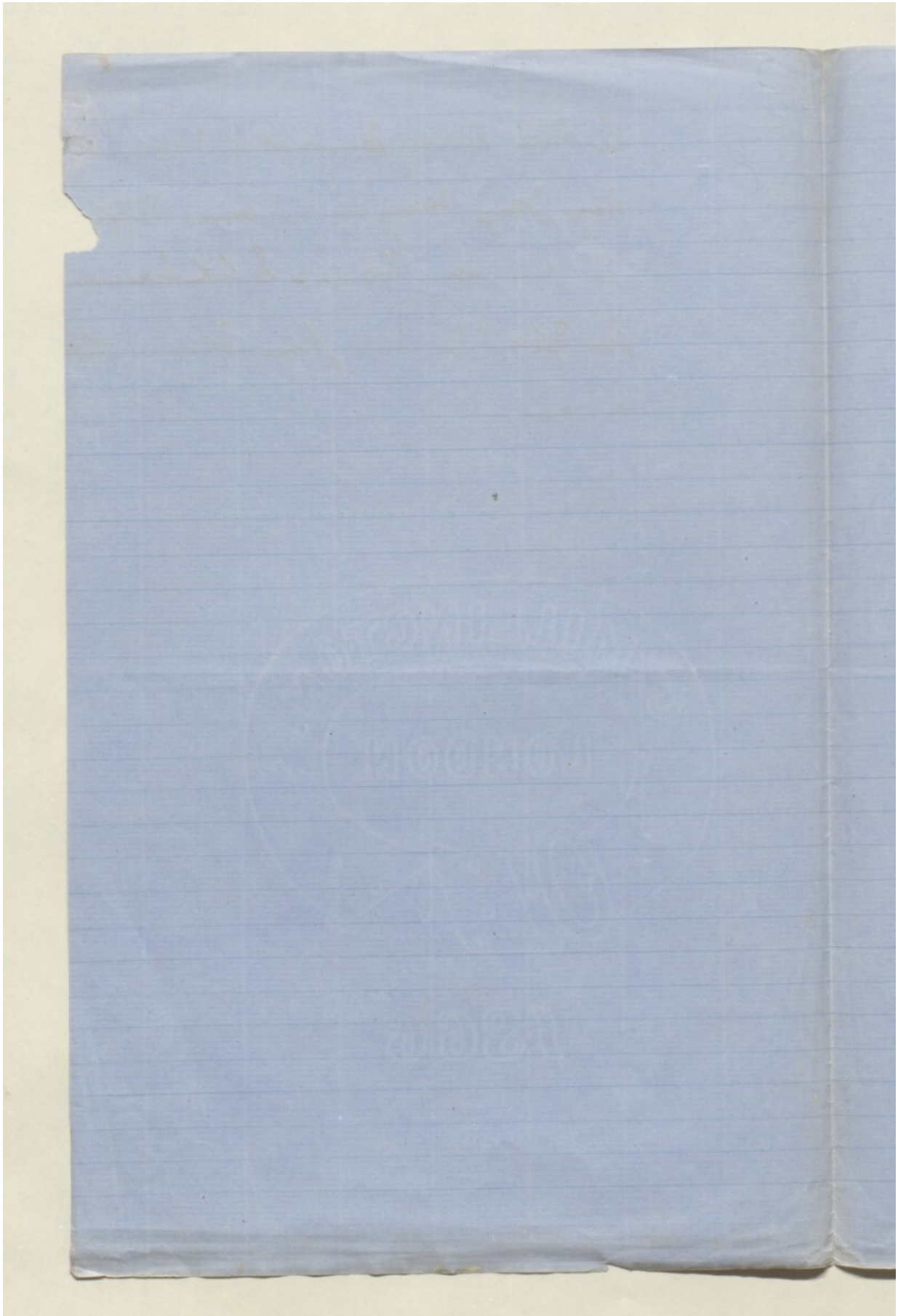
I fear the Persian will be annoyed
again when he finds that I am not his.

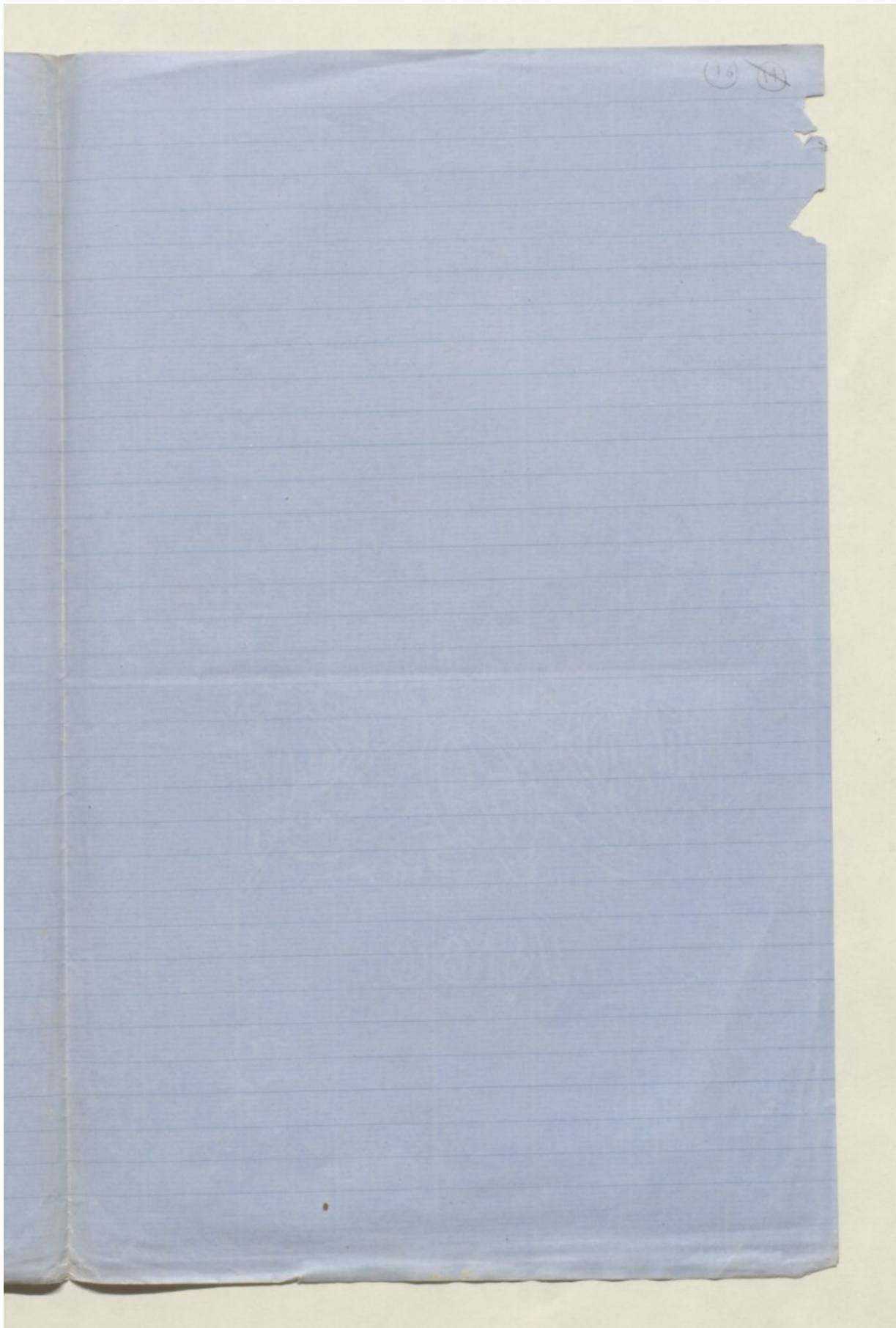
British Affairs they must do as
their own wish - my official letter
on this subject will be in his hands.

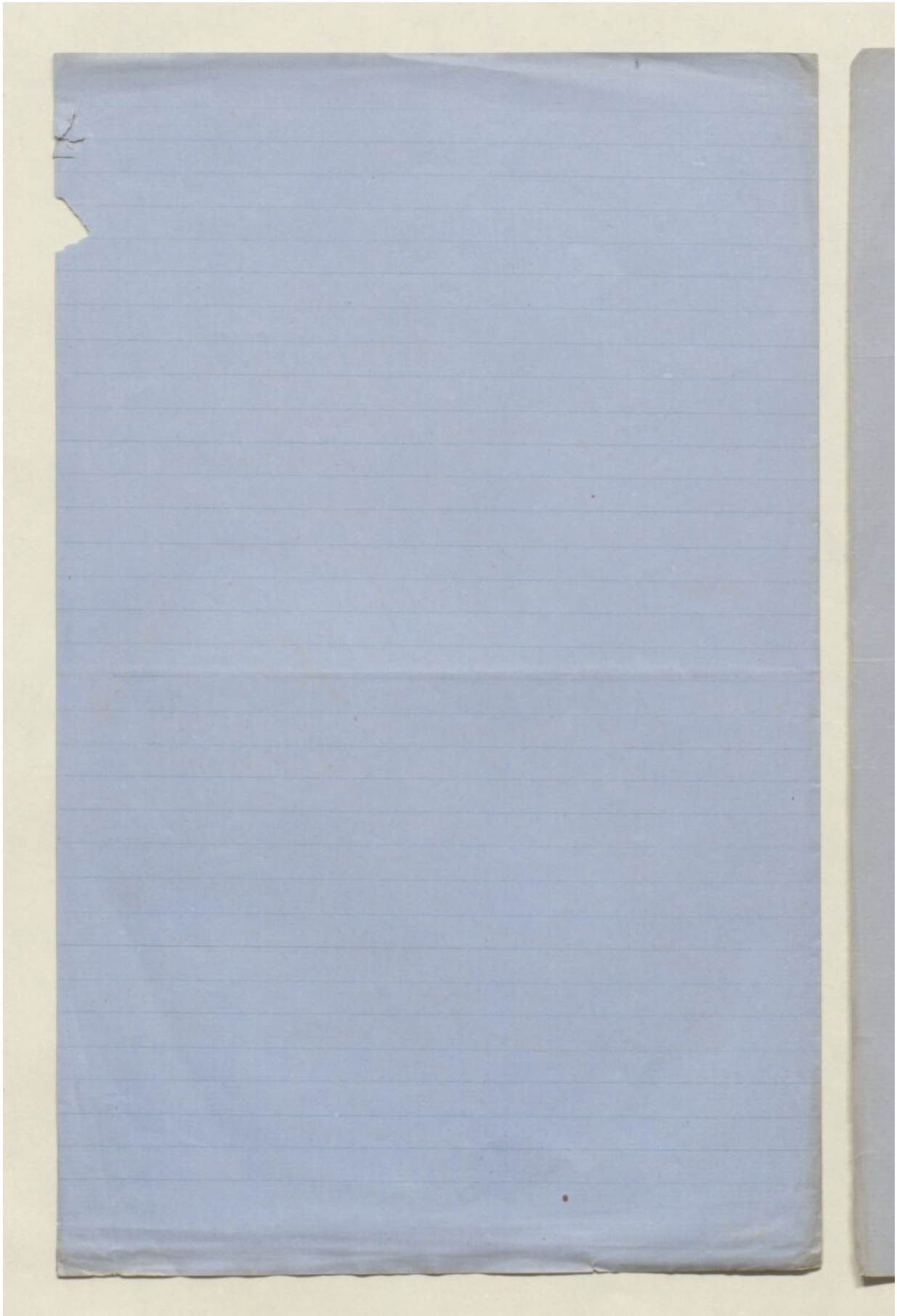


He was politely demonstrated against
my doing being on his ship, through
the agent at Shiraz - In like manner
you refused to land from Tehran to the
Kasran -

"I am Copy"
Pelly









Koweit 3rd February 1868. (17) ②

Dear Sir,

I wrote to you some days ago by Naghla, you will have received my letter - and will have sent on my telegram to —

Mr Pelly - Explorade - Bombay -

Consider my Postscript of 7th Jan^{ry} as cancelled.

Please keep your eye on the list of iron -

A Naghla has come in from Muske, but no letter from you -

I hope to start for Riyadh within four days from this time -

Please open any public letters arriving to my address from the Secretariat or the Department, but do not open any letters which come addressed in a private hand or franked outside by Mr. Allen. Mr. Fere, Iu Barthe Fere & Co even although these letters should come on Her Majesty's Service. If the letters which you open contain any thing of interest, please have copies made of them at once and keep these copies ready to send home in case the steamer should call for them -

Please write home by any opportunity which may offer either to Koweit or Dahrain enclosing to Yusuf ben Deedun in the first case to Sheikh Ali in the second - but send also an Arabic letter to the address of these persons advising them to retain the letter till called for whether to send it on after me - in any case no letter from Dahrain should be sent after me, but should be kept by Sheikh Ali till I come - and in the case of Koweit no letter should be sent after me unless it be of a very important nature -



In the event of my not being back before
the mail steamer starts for Bombay - you will
submit a brief letter to Govt. reporting all going
round the Gulf and adding that the Resident
has not returned from his visit to the Wahabee
Amir but that he is expected in the course of a few
days and that good and solid results may be
expected from friendly personal relations with
a chief who dominates in fact all littoral ships
of the Persian Gulf and Oman and whose influ-
ence has hitherto been considered so hostile to
and noxious to the general peace -



Subzabad En route to Shiraz
7th July 1868.

My dear Way - You have the advantage of me
in letters, but I am really much prepared for time -
I am always delighted to receive your courteous & cheerful
notes. - This Bunder Abbas affair will be a tough nut to

crack, however I suppose we must win. -
You will learn from my official that

I am going in at that Bahrein Chief -

Also that I am doing all I can to second
Smith's wish for an Arabic moonshere -

The new fort arrived at Bushire on
the 3rd & promises well. -

I rather fault this hot march as I am
not quite well - however it must be done or there will
be a row -

I shall be unable to reply to your
officials this mail as both my office & self are already
over written -

Do not interfere with the movements of runaway
slaves - the fact of their landing under our flag renders
them whilst there free to go or free to remain - do not take
notice of them unless some complaint of theft were
made in which case you will be justified by the recent



instructions —

I am glad Smith is all right again. Let him come to Bushire if he likes, but I have given up my house to Mr. Hojil. — He could however find a place or take his old quarters in the public. —

I hope to be down with you shortly after my return from Shiraz. Say good-bye to them.

Remember me please very kindly

respectfully to the ladies.

Yours very truly.



7th July en route to Shiraz

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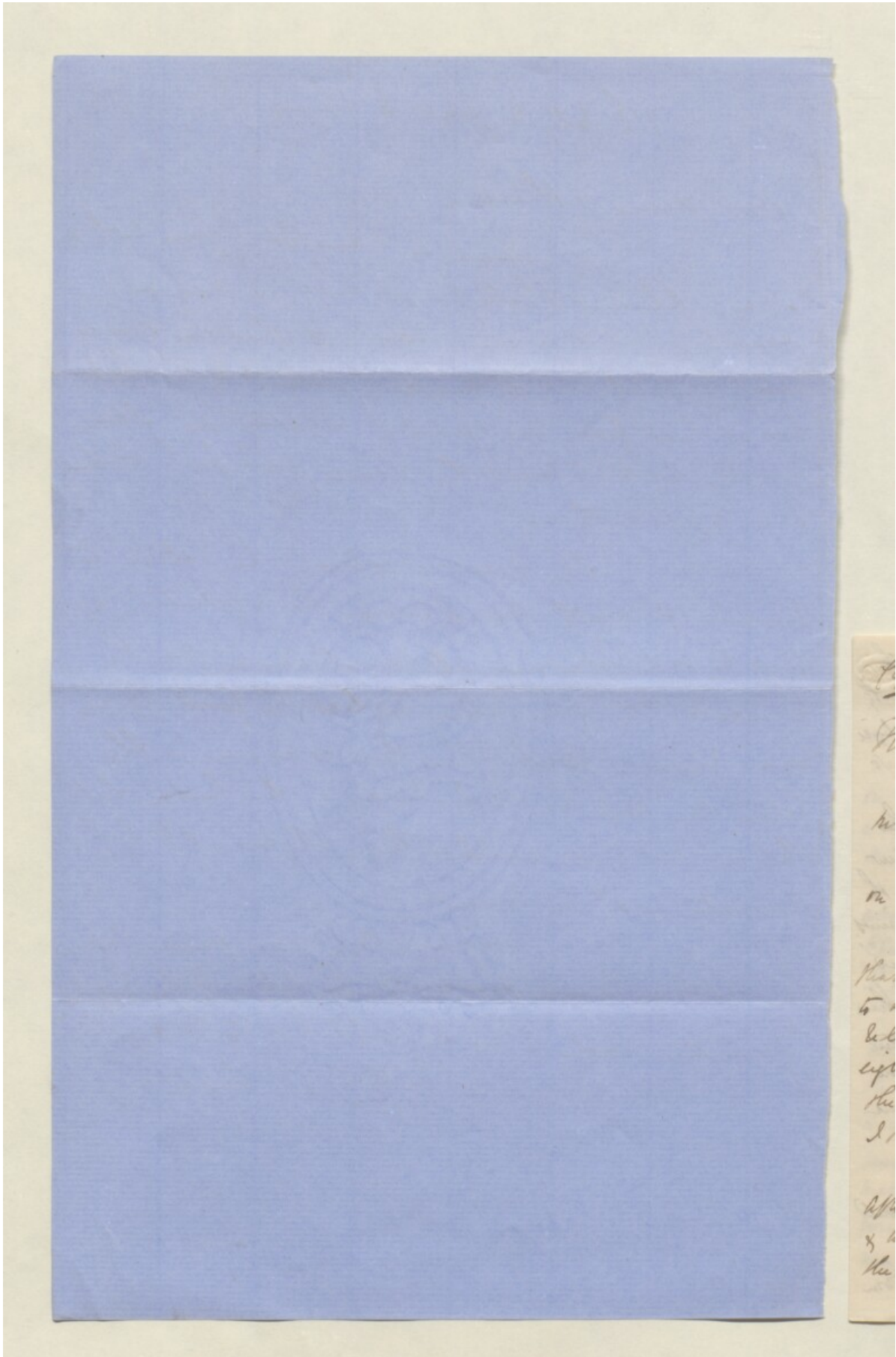
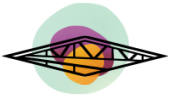
My dear Atkinson

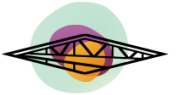
I am in receipt of your note, & Hajie Ahmed shall come back as soon as possible. But it is very important that this Bender Abbas quarrel sh^d be amicably settled & the Shah has at last given his assent to negotiation. I am now en route to meet the Prince for² few² at Shiraz, & H. A. is with me.

The Viceroy expects the Sultan to remain perfectly quiet during the negotiation, & says he will withdraw all countenance from the Muscat-State if the Sultan neglect the good offices we are giving. But of this there is no fear. The Sultan can keep his ships ready in his harbor, but sh^d not put to sea unless on being intimated to by his Minister with my consent.

I congratulate your family upon the Bombay Bank prospects. The letter of the English Committee reads to me very able & telling.

Yours very truly
Lewis Pelly





Copy

Bushire 29th Aug: 1850

My dear Mr Mackinnon

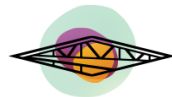
Many thanks for yr
interesting letter of the 18th June.

I Congratulate you Sincerely
on yr success in all yr undertakings.

You will be glad to hear
that after some trouble I managed
to induce the Persian Authorities to
release B^{re} Abbas to Muscat for
eight years; & before that term expires
the Pers: Gulf will be a great loss,
I think.

The Muscat Territories are now
after three years trouble, entirely quiet
& we can do what we like there in
the way of trade.

I am glad to say that



after a long fight I have at length
brought the Gov^t of the Shah to admit
the right of B^t Subjects to purchase
house property - so you can do so
at Bushire. -

The question of Aynan has
been much insisted but only a few
weeks ago I rec^d a telegram from the
Viceroy desiring me to state my views
& I did so. If my ideas are carried
out Aynan will become ours - I have
rec^d from the Muscat Gov^t a written
assurance of their willingness to cede
it to us - The difficulty lies at Tehran
where I am powerless. -

Bussorah is beyond my
jurisdiction but I fancy you could
easily get from there. -
I am entirely aware from



Persia having a flotilla in the Gulf.
 & I hope the folly will not be insisted
 on. — I have been everlastingly at work
 on the Abdee Case; & have at this moment
 a Special Com^{tee} from Shiraz engaged on
 it. — It appears we shall be able to secure
 about 20,000 Kams i.e. $\frac{2}{3}$ of the
 Claim out of the before. but I wait
 to feel the money in hand. —
 I entirely concur in
 recommending the Kharasch
 Muzant & Adese route; & if you start
 a steamer I shall be happy to do my
 best to go in her the first trip & explain
 matters at the several ports. — but please
 give me timely notice for my charge keeps
 me constantly employed & on the move. —
 I shall return to England



next May, unless any duty of urgent-
& unexpected Character detain me. -

The Gulf is now better in hand
than I have ever known it. -

Sembark on Tuesday, &
proceed with four armed ships to
punish some Chiefs on the Arab Coast.

This done I think we shall be
quiet for a long time.

I am glad to say that the
Viceroy has at length come to feel that
I deserve his support. - a more arduous
responsible and dangerous task than
I have had for the past three years has
not been given thro' by any subordinate
Officer in the Indian Service.

It will indeed be a pleasure
to me to join yr. Pe. this next year. -
Kindly remember me to all our old
shipmates of the Holland Expedition. -
Sir Bartle takes the



The greatest interest in the Gulf question
 was the first - who turned my attention -
 now 15 years ago - to the prospects of
 the Euphrates line -

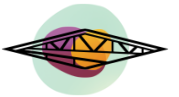
I dare say if you are near
 him he might like to glance thro' this
 scrawl -

With kindest respects to
 Mr Mackinnon - & also to Sir F. Arden
 if you see him

Believe me
 Yrs very sincerely
 (Sd^d) Lewis Pelly

Mr Paul seems a likely man. I think
 he C^d do some business at Shiraz from
 what I heard there. But goods must not
 be too long in arriving after order.

Keep yr eye on the Opium trade, this
 may any day develop wonderfully -
 The great drawback is bad frost - & you

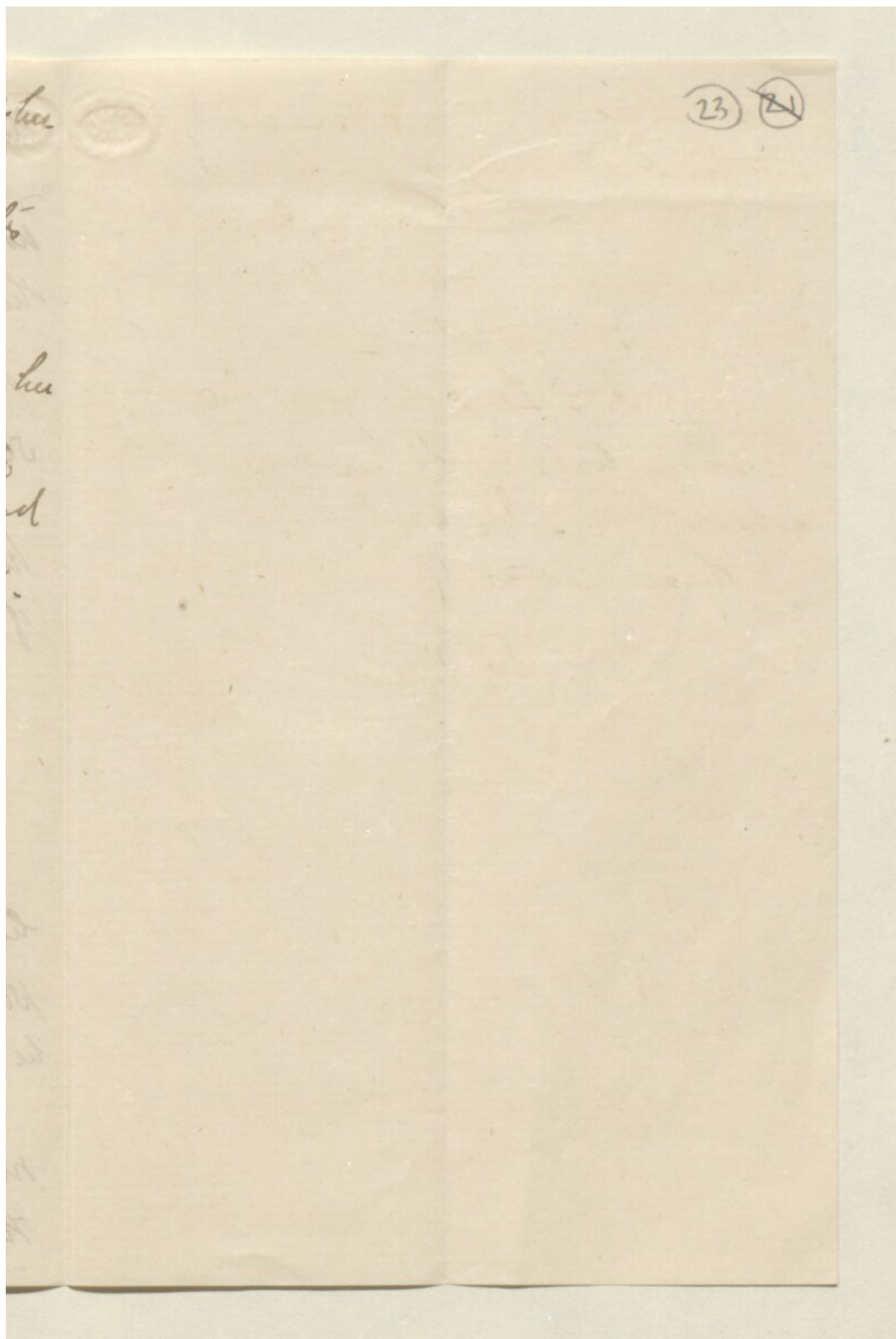
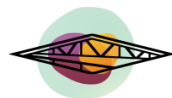


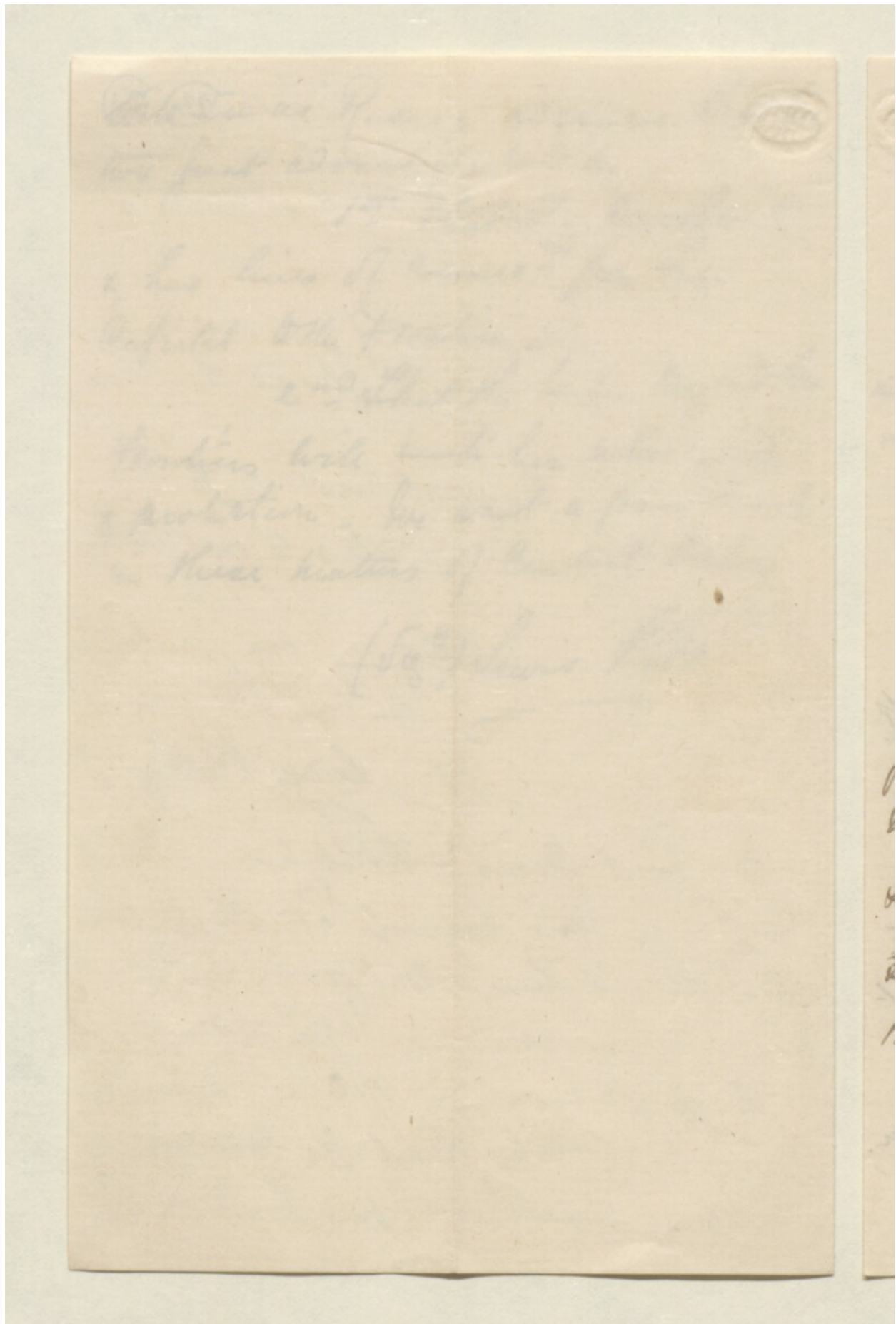
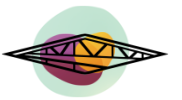
will see as Russia advances that there
two great advantages will be

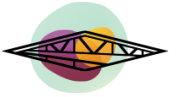
1st That the Consolidation
of her lines of Commo^{to} from her
Capital to the Frontier -

2nd That the riches beyond the
Frontiers will invite her intervention
of protection - We want a firm hand
in these matters of Central Asia.

(Sig^d) Lewis Pelly







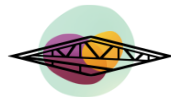
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Bushire 1st Sept. 1860.

Friend, I am in receipt
of your letter of 1st July 1860.

I shall be happy to
present the Bill of Lading on
arrival of "Asshur".

I note that the account
falls due on 4th March & I shall
give myself the pleasure of
requesting my Agents-Messrs Pennington
& Co of Bombay to pay the amount
£116-12-0 into the hands of
Messrs Foulden & Co who I
observe are of Agents at Bombay.
I am obliged by your
addition of "Pendant Sherry".



The Minister of the Sultan
of Muscat who is now with me,
is desirous of troubling you by
this or ~~next~~ the following mail.

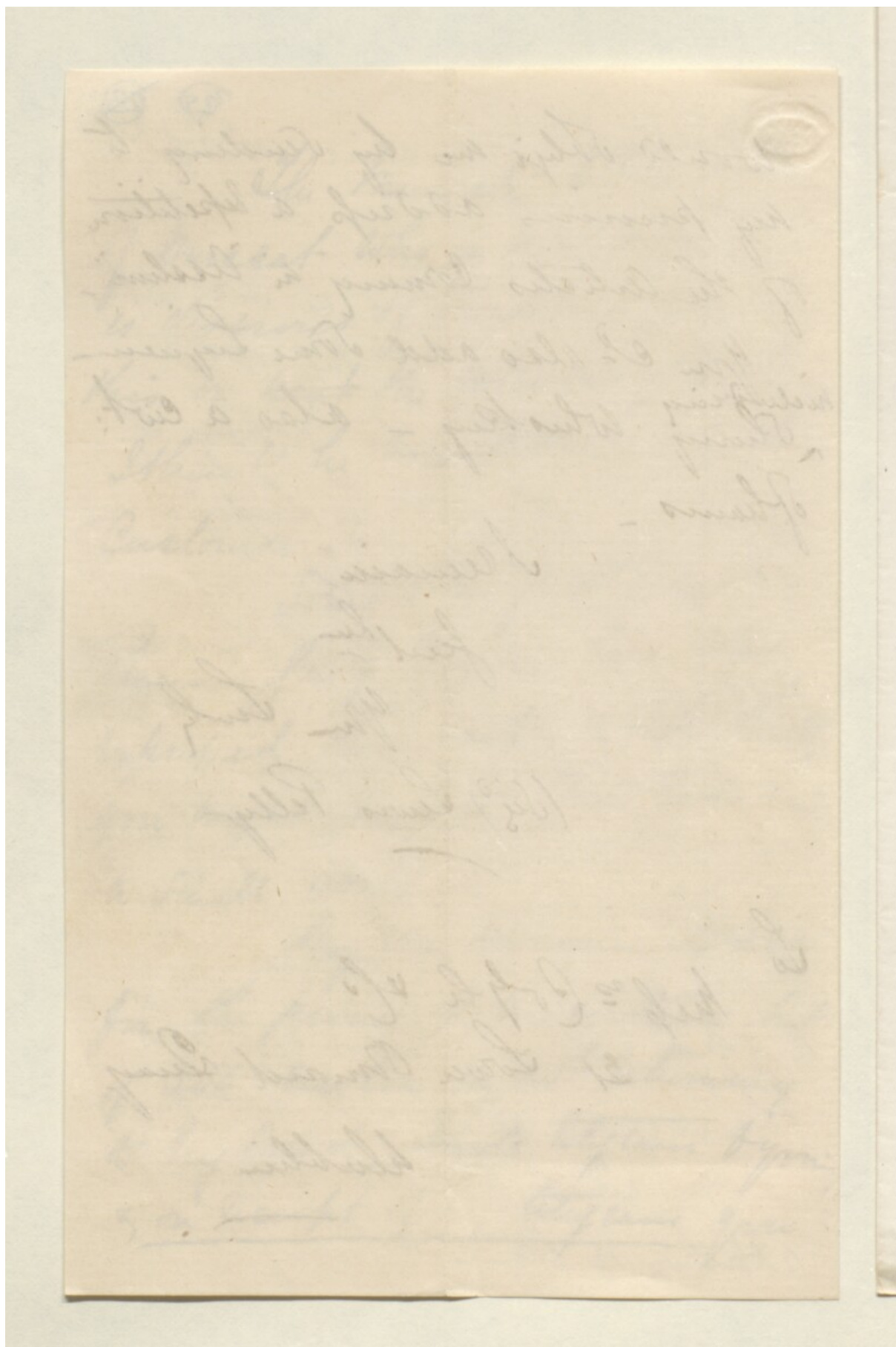
I think he might prove a good
Customer.

Some other Gent^l in the
Persian Gulf Regions have also
expressed their wishes, & I sh^d think
you might develop some trade on
a small scale.

My own movements are
for the present uncertain, but
if I sh^d resolve on not returning
to England, I will telegram you,
& on receipt of my telegram you



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would oblige me by sending to
my previous address a repetition
of the Articles coming in "Assam".
You & also add some Liquor
including Whiskey - also a cut:
of Phans -
I remain
Yours truly
(Sig^d) Lewis Pelly
To
Mess^{rs} Coyle & Co
31 Lower Ormond Quay
Dublin





Bushire 20th December 1888

My dear Narrayan,

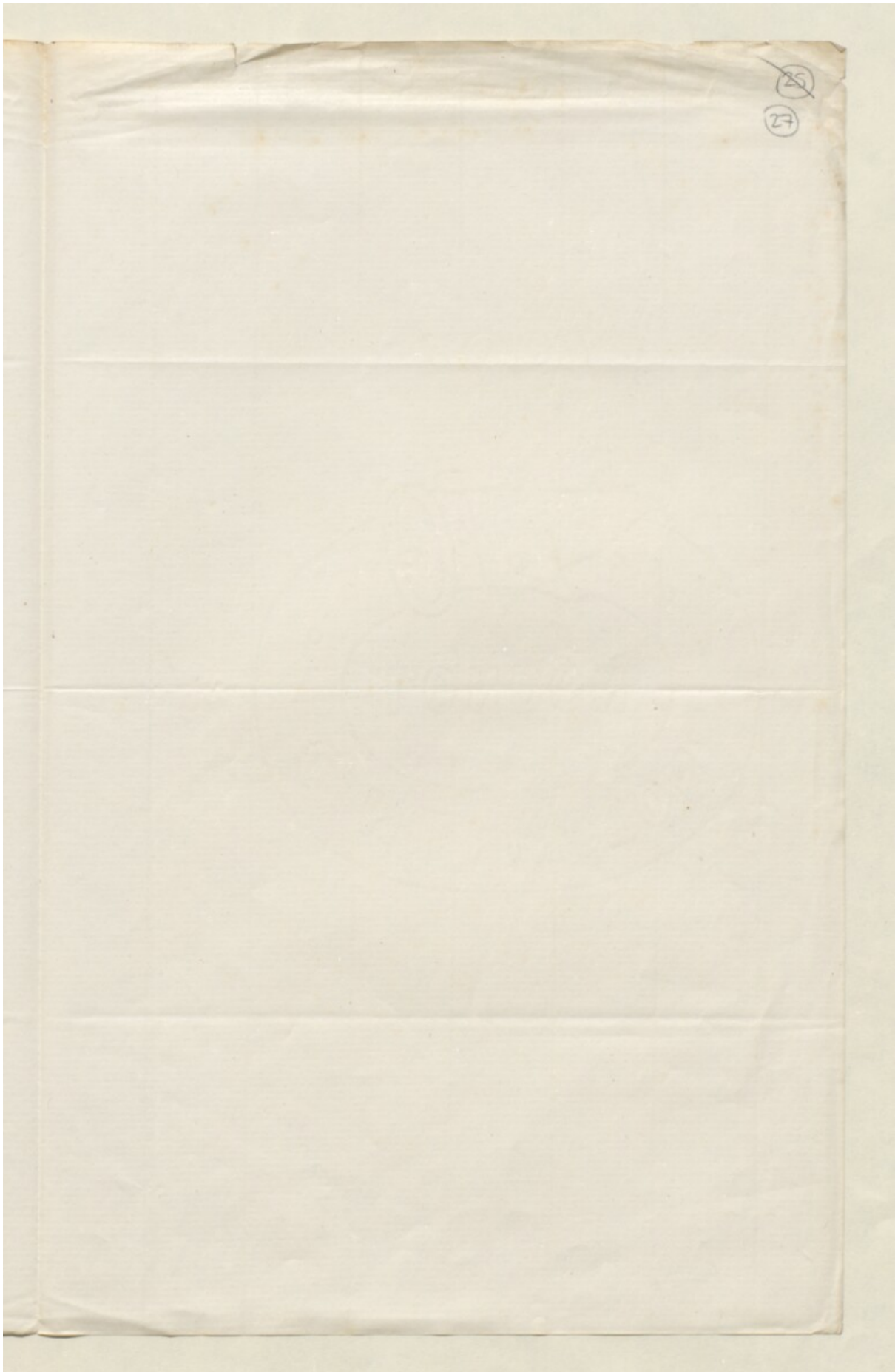
I am at last after nearly six months knocking about returned to my head quarters and hope to pass Christmas and New Year's day at rest.

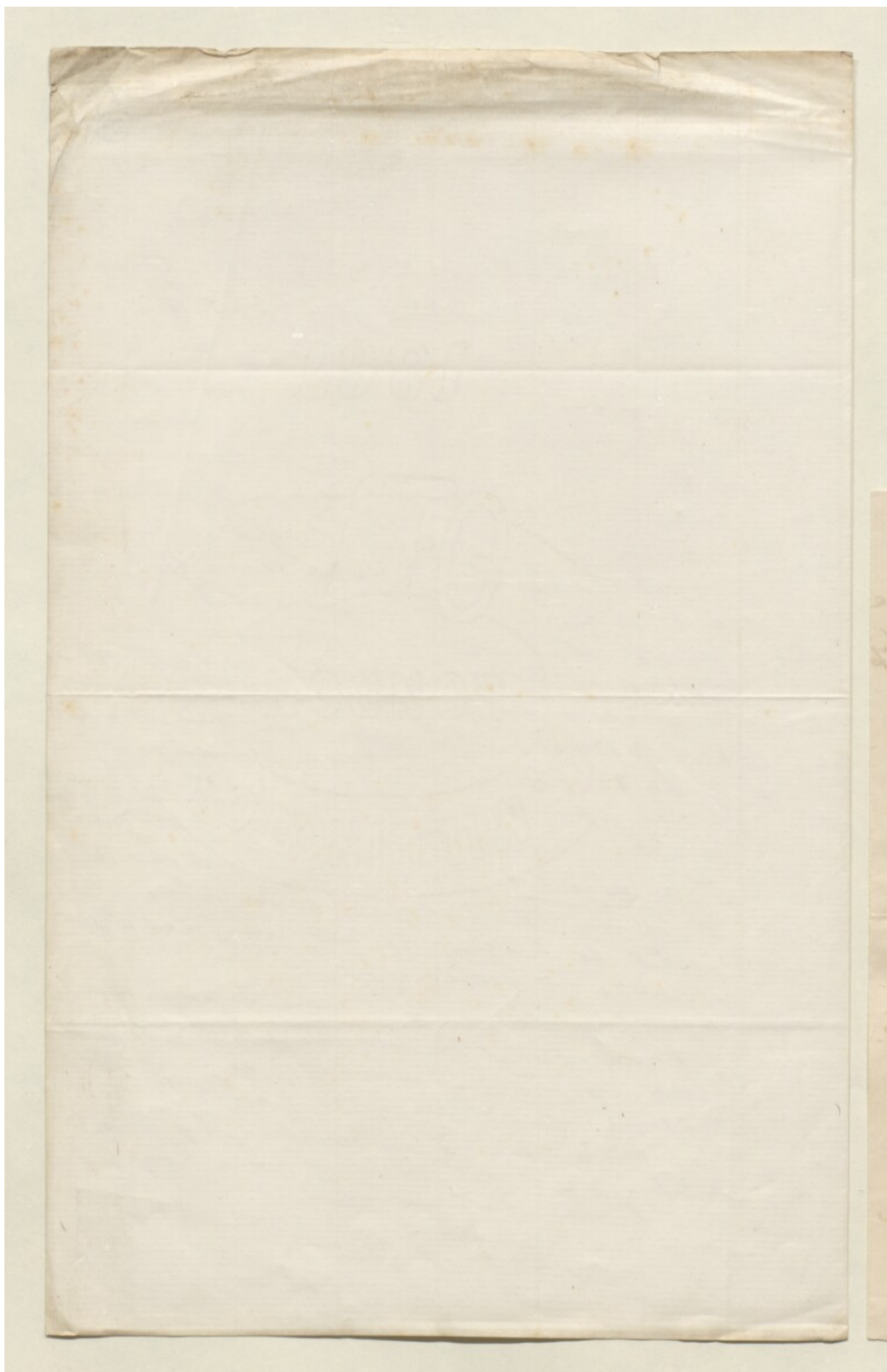
I wish to ask your good offices and influence with Captain Henry in the following case. My uncovenanted assistant Mr. James Edwards after some quarter of a century's service in the Gulf, has obtained six months leave of absence, and is desirous of passing it in a profitable manner. But having a family of eight children he is unable to afford a passage to Europe and back. I have given him Rs. 500 as a help, but even this sum won't do all; and if you could aid him in any way to get a cheap 2nd class return ticket it would be a usefully kind act. It is possible perhaps you might be able to get him temporary employ aboard. He would be happy in any way, just to get a glance at Europe.

Any ways I am sure Captain Henry, and you would do any thing you thought right and proper in aid of so sensible a desire on Mr. Edwards' part.

Mr. E. will go to Bombay by next mail and will then call at your house. I don't trouble I give you.

My kind salaam please to Mrs. Narrayan
Yours very sincerely
/s/ Lewis Pelly







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Bushire - 24th April 1829.

My dear Captain Colomb

Smith has rejoined me and
we both here to thank you for your
great care and good will in the ship.

I am sorry to hear that your
fine ship touched the ground, but you
told me before if she did so it would be at
gentle speed and so it turned out.

I wish to see you
again - and I am sure we shall give
you a hearty welcome.

"Hugh Rose" your boat starts
shortly for Bombay for repairs - and she
will be ready for shallow water here.



next winter -

The Governor is kindly receiving me
at home and she is a comfortable ship.

There is a row about the Mossoo
Craft - and I think some of the points
are difficult to meet -

I have sent the Comptroller on and
asked for information how to meet it -

if you could drop me unofficially what
are the facts and the method of meeting
the Russians it might facilitate matters.
But these Russians are jealous enough
when the home has the upper hand, and when
they have any chance they get counsel
in Tehran from the Ministers - I have
Russia - for example - and give no
aid of both.



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However I need not say that while
I have to put the case forward, I am
certain you acted for what you considered
the Public Good, and in accordance
with the Commodore's orders. — But I
fear I shall have a defect which is
not a common occurrence with me
in attention with orientals — every
body send me any information you have

How much and come up again
and telegraph when you are
coming. so that I may meet you
at the most convenient point and
see all them of you.

My work continues very heavy,
and I am doing too much "Dalhousie"



For the escape pass and
your service.

Very truly yours

Lewis Pelly

J. C.

Mrs

24/4/68.